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FIVE UM MEN PREPARE
FOR GE COLLEGE BOWL
APPEARANCE MAY 18

MISSOULA, Mont.---

Each Sunday afternoon five University of Montana students meet at the home of a UM faculty member and test their wits and speed against a panel of college-age scholars appearing on television.

The practice sessions are to get the UM "brain" team in shape for its television appearance May 18 on NBC's "General Electric College Bowl" in New York City.

Dr. Robert T. Turner, a UM professor of history, is adviser to the UM team composed of James E. Curry, senior in history from Ekalaka; George Robert Blair, junior in wildlife, St. Louis, Mo.; Robert M. Murdo, senior in history and economics, Billings; Scott Wheeler, senior in history, Spokane, Wash., and William E. Larson, senior in liberal arts, Great Falls.

The five were chosen from a series of oral and written tests, the last of which contained 200 questions with a three-to-five-second answer time. One of the young men will be made a team alternate.

Dr. Turner emphasized that quick recall is more important than superior intelligence for success on GE College Bowl. "This is a game based on rapid reflex action," he said. "The fellows picked are not necessarily the five smartest ones on campus but they're certainly five of the quickest."

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The team members, the alternate and Dr. Turner will leave May 16 by plane for New York City and they plan to return to Missoula May 19.

UM's opponent has not been chosen but it will be one of four schools -- Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn.; Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.; Dillard University, New Orleans, La., or Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa.

The group will receive several fringe benefits besides its expense-paid trip to New York. Theater tickets will be provided free, and UM alumni in the New York area as well as friends and family of the team will be given free tickets to the show.

The students received a detailed list of instructions for appearing on color television, including a request to wear pastel colored shirts.

A one-minute film, prepared by Chet Dreher, UM Information Services photographer, and showing highlights of the UM campus will be shown during intermission on the show.

Dr. Turner is optimistic about the probable success of his team. "I think we have a good chance to win," he said. "And losing wouldn't even be bad, because the team will bring back \$1,000 in scholarship funds even if defeated in the first round."

If the UM team wins May 18, it will return to New York a week later and, if defeated then, receive a total of \$4,000 for the two appearances. If it wins the second game, it will continue to return to New York until defeated and receive \$3,000 for each victory.

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